

April 27, 1950

Frank E. Johnson

Frank E. Johnson, 82, for many years a resident of this city, passed away Sunday forenoon at his home. Mr. Johnson had not been in good health for the past two years and was taken suddenly ill Saturday night. He was found by Mrs. Johnson in an unconscious state beside his bed, and he never regained consciousness.

Mr. Johnson was born the youngest of ten children in Nedeled, Sweden, Oct. 21, 1868. The day after his confirmation he set out alone for America. Like so many other immigrants, he came almost empty handed, but not as empty handed as one might think. He had with him a Bible, which had been given him as a confirmation gift. On the fly-leaf two references were marked: 2 Corinthians 6-2, and 1 John 1:17. He had an older brother John, living at Cannon Falls, Minn., who had sent him his boat and train fare to America. He left his native land May 13, 1883.

He worked on farms in Minnesota in the summer months and in the woods during the winter. He married Selma Hanson, and they resided at Clarisa, Minn., for six years before moving to Bowman, N. D., where they lived eleven years, later moving to Groton, where they have resided for thirty years. Mr. Johnson was employed by farmers and also did some farming in this vicinity.

The only near relative surviving Mr. Johnson is his wife. They had no children and all his brothers and sisters, some in America and some in Sweden, passed on before him. Many friends will remember this faithful farmer and laborer, who extend sympathy to the widow on the loss of her loved one.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., in the Paetznick Funeral Home, with the Rev. George Anderson officiating. Burial in Groton cemetery.